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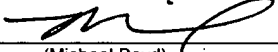
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 21, 2003 (Paper No. 13), for which a response is due on January 21, 2004. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.